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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE DISTRICT OF WYOMING

CUSTODIA BANK, INC.	}
Plaintiff,	<pre>} } </pre>
vs.	Civil No. 1:22-cv-00125-SWS
FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD OF GOVERNORS and FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF KANSAS CITY,	<pre>} } }</pre>
Defendants.	} }

DEFENDANTS' JOINT UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE REPLY BRIEFS BY OCTOBER 4, 2022

Defendant Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (the "Board") and Defendant Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City ("FRBKC" and, collectively, Defendants), by and through the undersigned counsel, hereby move this Court for leave to file a reply brief in support of Defendants' respective motions to dismiss (ECF Nos. 48-51) and in response to pending amicus briefs. On Tuesday, Plaintiff filed a 45-page memorandum of law in opposition to Defendants' motions to dismiss raising new arguments concerning complex questions of administrative and constitutional law. (ECF No. 58). Yesterday, Defendants were notified that at least 3 amicus briefs

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representatives of Wyoming and United States legislators. For these reasons, Defendants seek

leave of Court to file respective reply briefs that respond to arguments that amici will raise as well

as arguments made in Plaintiff's Opposition.

1. Plaintiff filed its *Complaint*, ECF No. 1, on June 7, 2022.

2. On August 9, 2022, the Court entered its *Order Permitting Briefs in Excess*

of 25 Pages, ECF No. 35, allowing the Board and FRBKC to each file briefs in support of their

respective motions to dismiss not to exceed 45 pages.

3. On August 16, 2022, the Board and FRBKC filed motions to dismiss with

supporting memoranda of law. (ECF Nos. 48-51).

4. On September 13, 2022, Plaintiff filed its 45-page Opposition as well as a

request for a hearing on Defendants' motions. (ECF No. 59).1

5. This Court granted Plaintiff's request and set a hearing on Defendants'

motion to dismiss for October 13, 2022 at 1:30 PM. (ECF No. 60).

6. Defendants understand that (1) membership of the Select Committee on

Blockchain, Financial Technology and Digital Innovation of the Wyoming Legislature, (2) the

Wyoming Attorney General on behalf of the State of Wyoming, and (3) members of the U.S.

¹ In its request for a hearing, Plaintiff requested an oral argument 60 minutes in length, with 30 minutes allotted to Plaintiff. Plaintiff represented that Defendants consented to the relief sought. While Defendants

had conveyed their support for oral argument in addition to reply briefs, they had made no representations to Plaintiff concerning the length of any oral argument or the division of time, and had also represented to Plaintiff that they would be seeking leave of court to file reply briefs (to which Plaintiff consented).

Defendants are supportive of having oral argument in addition to reply briefs, and Defendants defer to the

Court's judgment concerning the amount of time needed for oral argument and the division of time.

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Senate Banking Committee and U.S. House Financial Services Committee each plan to seek leave

of this Court to file amicus briefs by September 20, 2022.

7. Defendants do not oppose those requests.

8. Local Rule 7.1(b)(2)(G) affords Defendants the opportunity to respond to

amicus briefs in accordance with Rule 7.1(b)(2) within 14 days after the amicus briefs are filed,

i.e., by October 4, 2022. Under the Local Rule, responses to each of these three amicus briefs may

be up to 25 pages.

9. Defendants believe that a reply brief to Plaintiff's Opposition is also

warranted due to the complexity of the issues presented in the case, including arguments arising

under the Constitution and administrative law and concerning interpretation of the Federal Reserve

Act.

10. Defendants recognize that Rule 7.1(b)(2)(C) provides that parties shall not

file reply briefs for any motion set for hearing. Notwithstanding, given that the Local Rules permit

Defendants to respond to amicus briefs, that Defendants believe the Court would benefit from a

written submission responding to Plaintiff's Opposition, and that it would be efficient for each

Defendant to address both the amicus briefs and Plaintiff's Opposition in a single reply brief to be

submitted by each Defendant in advance of the scheduled hearing, Defendants respectfully request

the relief sought herein.

11. Accordingly, Defendants each seek leave of Court to file reply briefs of no

more than 25 pages—which will address Plaintiff's Opposition as well as the three amicus briefs

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to be submitted on September 20, 2022—by October 4, 2022.

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12. Defendants have conferred with counsel for Plaintiff and Plaintiff consents to the relief sought herein.

Dated: 15 September 2022.

FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD OF GOVERNORS,
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I certify the foregoing *Defendants' Joint Unopposed Motion for Leave to File Reply Briefs by October 4, 2022* was served upon all parties to this action pursuant to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure on 15 September 2022, and that copies were served as follows:

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